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## PLANE TO FLY AT MALHEUR COUNTY FAIR

ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE  
TO GREAT EXHIBITION BY  
AVIATOR OF BARNES FLY-  
ING SCHOOL OF TACOMA.

## EDUCATIONAL DAY FEATURE

Children of County to Vie With Each  
Other in Exceptionally Interest-  
ing Program of Sports and Other  
Contests.

Every week in the past three or  
four has been marked by a determina-  
tion on the part of the Malheur  
County Fair board to introduce some-  
thing new at the annual exposition.  
This week innovations are two in  
number. The first is that of having  
an aviator here to present a series of  
acts, such as the army men are  
making every day. Arrangements  
for this exhibition were partially  
made by Director E. J. Gallagher  
while in Tacoma last week. He  
concluded negotiations with the Barnes  
School of Aviation located at Lake-  
view, Wash., just outside of Tacoma.  
On his return here he presented  
a proposition made to the direct-  
or and approval was given at once.  
Completion of arrangements to  
bring the flier here.

**Educational Day.**  
September 12 will be Educational  
day. This will in reality be one of  
the biggest days of the fair from  
many viewpoints. On this day the  
boys and girls of the County will be  
the whole show, save for the pro-  
posed airplane flight. They will  
stage the athletic program with ev-  
erything from a foot race for the  
boys to penny races for both boys and  
girls. Then there will be contests  
between the rural schools, contests  
between rural schools and the City  
schools, contests for High  
school pupils and an all round pro-  
gram that will furnish competition  
more and variety to satisfy every-  
body. County Superintendent of  
School, Miss Faye Clark, is to be in  
charge of this program and is giving  
the matter her attention this morn-  
ing. The directors have offered  
prizes for the events that will make  
the contests worth while to the  
boys and girls and make the Fair  
highly interesting as an educational  
institution.

## LOCAL G. A. R. POST GIVES UP ITS CHARTER

L. L. King, R. S. Rutherford, A.  
McGregor, C. E. Berry, J. S. Plunk-  
ett, and Thomas Barlow, the last of  
the veterans of the Civil War who  
were in Ontario have decided that  
as their number has become so  
small to surrender their charter, as  
the P. Hovey Post No. 21, G. A. R.,  
and to affiliate with the Post at Pay-  
ette, Idaho. They will go to Payette  
today to attend the session there and  
come identified with that organiza-  
tion.

## ALLIES CONTINUE ADVANCE

Important Gains Made in Soissons and  
Rheims Salient.

Paris. — Important gains by the  
French, American, Italian and British  
troops in the territory comprising the  
Soissons-Rheims salient are reported  
in the official communication issued  
by the war office.

Under the double pressure of the  
Franco-American forces between the  
Marne and the Marne and the French  
troops who crossed the river between  
Reims and Charleville, the Germans  
were driven back beyond the line of  
St. Germain and Mont St. Peter.  
Chateau Thierry is widely freed to  
the north.

Between the Marne and Rheims the  
fighting was extremely violent.  
Franco-British and Italian troops at-  
tacked with indefatigable energy and  
secured St. Euphrase and Beaulieu  
made gains in the Ardre valley,  
Berton wood and Bois Du Roi.

## JOHN PURROY MITCHEL



Former Mayor Mitchel, of New  
York, an officer in the aviation corps,  
who was killed in an airplane fall at  
Lake Charles, La.

## 251,000 AMERICANS ARE ON FIRING LINE

Washington. — American troops ac-  
tually on the fighting lines in Europe  
about July 1 numbered 251,000, accord-  
ing to information given by General  
March, chief of staff, and other mem-  
bers of the war council at their weekly  
conference with members of the sen-  
ate military committee.

The situation along the western  
front, he said, has developed into con-  
tinued "slogging" by allied forces with  
complete success being obtained. The  
most important of these minor raids,  
from the American standpoint, was the  
attack on Vaux.

The attack on Vaux was carried out  
by the 9th and 23d infantry, supported  
by the 12th, 15th and 17th field artil-  
lery, all of the 2d division, under com-  
mand of Major General Omar Bundy.  
The success attained there has been  
completely consolidated, subsequent  
counter attacks by the Germans fail-  
ing to cause the slightest withdrawal  
from the territory occupied.

## BUY W.S.S. — SNAKE RIVER CLAIMS FIRST VICTIM HERE

While bathing with his brothers in  
the Snake river Sunday afternoon  
about half a mile down stream from  
the railroad bridge, Frank, the 17  
year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C.  
Griffin was drowned. His body has  
not been yet recovered.

According to the accounts of the  
tragedy told by the brothers to boys  
who came there soon afterward, Frank  
who could not swim attempted to dive  
across a still pool and was caught by  
an undertow. He rose to the surface  
three times and his brother Francis,  
who likewise could not swim went to  
his rescue and would have likewise  
been rescued and would have shared his  
fate if it had not been for the third  
brother Edwin who could swim and  
who saved him. Edwin made a brave  
effort to save the oldest boy but could  
not.

Soon after the word of the drown-  
ing became known searching parties  
were organized and the river near the  
scene was dragged without avail. Ran-  
chers below the place were notified as  
were the authorities at Payette and  
Weiser who are watching the stream  
believing that the body when it comes  
to the surface will be located down  
stream.

## BUY W.S.S. — "WOULD QUIT BUT UNCLE SAM WAS SHORT HANDED"

P. J. Gallagher who visited Camp  
Lewis last week brings back a good  
story on a Harney county buccaroo  
who recently joined the army after  
years riding the range in the interior.  
This particular bronco buster had  
always enjoyed the reputation of per-

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## HAY PRICES SUBJECT OF FARMERS' MEETING

CONDITIONS OF HAY CROPS IN  
VARIOUS LOCALITIES DIS-  
CUSSED AT LENGTH—  
CROP BELOW AVERAGE.

## NO DEFINITE PRICE FIXED

Consensus of Opinion Is That Price  
Should Be in Neighborhood of \$17  
to \$18 Per Ton—Many Ranchers  
Want Hay Graded.

That alfalfa hay should sell some-  
where in the neighborhood of \$17 to  
\$18 per ton was the consensus of  
opinion expressed at a meeting of  
over 100 ranchers who gathered at  
the Boulevard Grange hall Wednes-  
day afternoon. No definite price  
was fixed, however, but a committee  
was authorized to consider the mat-  
ter further, and, if they deem it ad-  
visable, to call further meetings to  
consider the question.

The meeting Wednesday was a rep-  
resentative one with men present  
from Dead Ox Flat to Big Bend and  
from the Boulevard to Vale and  
Jamieson. Practically every section  
that grows hay was represented, tho  
the meeting was called on short no-  
tice Monday.

E. C. Conklin, chairman of the  
committee appointed to call the meet-  
ing was made chairman of the gather-  
ing, and L. L. Culbertson of Dead  
Ox Flat was named secretary.

The first matter considered was  
that of hay conditions. Reports  
were heard from the following ran-  
chers and all united in declaring that  
range and hay crops are below nor-  
mal save in this immediate section.  
Chet Lackey, W. L. Gibson, H. H.  
Tunny, P. C. Oxman, J. H. Seaward,  
Sherry Johnson, V. V. Hickox, and  
others.

L. L. Culbertson of Dead Ox Flat  
and C. E. Peck of Kingman Colony  
each reported on the proceedings of  
the meeting held last week in Cald-  
well and explained the basis upon  
which that gathering reached its con-  
clusion to make prices varying from  
\$17.50 to \$18 per ton, varying on the  
kind of hay.

They presented the figures pre-  
pared by Harvey Allred, commis-  
sioner of farm markets of Idaho to show  
that sheep on January 1, 1918, are  
222 per cent higher than for the  
three year period prior to the war;  
wool 177 per cent higher; cattle 33  
per cent higher and dairy products  
65 per cent higher. In other words  
they said that the consumers of hay  
had, on an average, increased 142  
per cent while hay itself had in-  
creased but 115 per cent. To main-  
tain its average with the others they  
declared that the Idaho ranchers had  
agreed to increase the price to  
\$17.50 for fancy hay, and to vary the  
price, according to government  
standards of quality and measure-  
ment.

A lengthy discussion followed in  
which many present took part con-  
cerning the proper time and method  
of measuring hay. No decision was  
arrived at as to what time should be  
adopted, or what the government  
regulation in this regard is. It was  
agreed, apparently, however, that a  
difference of at least \$5 per ton was  
made according to the time adopted.

After this was discussed the ques-  
tion of prices was directly taken up.  
Many of the ranchers argue that the  
stockmen and stock conditions should  
be taken into consideration so that  
the hay industry will not drive the  
stockmen out of business, and to that  
end others advanced the argument  
that the crops should be inspected  
and graded as one means to that  
end. F. M. Northrop of Dead Ox  
Flat, Pete Tenson of Nevada, T. W.  
Clagett of Ontario, P. C. Oxman of  
Jamieson, J. H. Seaward, W. L.  
Gibson, Chet Lackey, L. L. Culbert-  
son and D. M. Taggart and others  
discussed various phases of the cost  
of everything the rancher has to buy.

Just before the close of the meet-  
ing the chairman was authorized to  
appoint a committee of two from each  
of the districts to consider the mat-  
ter further and to take into consid-  
eration all the elements discussed and  
others that may be called to their at-  
tention to keep the ranchers inform-  
ed as to their decision, or call an-  
other meeting if deemed advisable.

## LYNN DINGMAN ON CRUISER SAN DIEGO

ONTARIO BOY WIVES OF HIS  
RESCUE FROM TORPEDOED  
SHIP AND SAFE ARRIVAL  
IN NEW YORK.

## LOST ALL HIS POSSESSIONS

First Resident of City to Feel Direct  
Effect of Horrible Submarine War-  
fare—Has Been on Ship Two  
Years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dingman, who  
live just west of the city, received a  
telegram Sunday morning from their  
son Lynn A. Dingman, who was a  
member of the crew of the U. S.  
cruiser San Diego, of his safe arrival  
in New York following the torpedoing  
of the ship off Fire Island, New  
York.

Young Dingman at the same time  
wired his brothers in Pueblo,  
Colorado, for funds, for he lost ev-  
erything he had when the ship went  
down, 15 minutes after it was struck  
by the German projectile.

The San Diego on which young  
Dingman has been stationed for the  
past two years was hit last Friday  
evening while steaming just off Fire  
Island, only a few miles from the en-  
trance into New York harbor. She is  
the first U. S. ship of any size to go  
down as the result of German attack.  
Practically the entire crew was saved  
thru the self control exhibited by the  
officers and men.

—BUY W.S.S.—

## MEN ON DEFERRED LIST MAY BE CALLED SOON

Member of District Board Visits City  
August Likely to See Class of  
1918 Exhausted.

Walter Pierce, the Democrat nom-  
inee for Governor was in Ontario en-  
route to Vale where he addressed the  
business men's luncheon and that  
evening was at Brogan. Mr. Pierce  
declared that he was not campaigning  
at this time but merely accepting  
invitations to address business men at  
the same time to take up matters con-  
cerning the administration of the  
selective service law as a member of  
the District Board.

Mr. Pierce declared that the differ-  
ences of opinion which have arisen  
between the Malheur County local  
board and the District Board have in  
a large measure been due to a lack of  
specific information being transmit-  
ted from the local board to the district  
board. He declared however that all  
the differences would be ironed out.

"I believe," he said, "that the Aug-  
ust call for Oregon will take all of the  
1918 class men and that for the Sept-  
ember call."

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—BUY W.S.S.—

## FOR SECOND TIME IN YEAR BRIDGE ON FIRE

Ontario Pharmacy, Too, Has Small  
Blaze That Caught Fire in Time  
to Head Off Serious Fire.

Ontario's fire department answered  
two calls within 24 hours this week.  
The first occurred about 10:15 Tues-  
day evening and sent the fire fighters  
down to the Snake river bridge to ex-  
tinguish a blaze near the Idaho shore.  
Like that of last year near the same  
spot this was believed to have started  
from a cigarette stub falling between  
planks and catching on the lower  
boards. Three planks were burned  
before the fire was extinguished.

The second call came Wed-  
nesday about three o'clock from the  
Ontario Pharmacy. The blaze started  
from flames from an old piano  
store used to make the fountain  
springs. The flames caught on old pre-  
scription files and were rapidly eating  
their way to the paper stock on the  
balcony. The employees under the di-  
rection of the proprietor, C. S. Watson,  
however extinguished the blaze be-  
fore the fire department which was  
summoned reached the scene. No  
damage was done but the store had  
a narrow escape.

## GEO. C. TAYLOR



George C. Taylor, president of the  
newly organized American railway ex-  
press company.

## U. S. AND JAPAN TO ENTER SIBERIA

London. — The Japanese diplomatic  
council has agreed to the American  
proposal for joint intervention by  
Japan and the United States in Si-  
beria, says a dispatch from Tokio. A  
proclamation will be issued assuring  
Russia that the entente has no ag-  
gressive designs in intervening in Si-  
beria, the dispatch adds.

It is probable that a relief com-  
mission will accompany the joint ex-  
pedition, it is stated.

A Pekin dispatch to the Times says  
that the character of the contemplated  
allied action at Vladivostok has caused  
lively satisfaction there. The allies, it  
is believed in Pekin, cannot do better  
for the moment than to aid the Czecho-  
Slovaks by occupying Vladivostok.  
Thus, supported the Czechs can pro-  
ceed against the Bolsheviks.

## BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR

The big offensive which the Germans  
launched early last week along a 65-  
mile front east and west of Rheims  
from Chateau-Thierry to eastern Cham-  
pagne was halted by the allied armies  
and the whole German line in the  
great Aisne-Marne-Rheims salient was  
badly shaken by a powerful counter  
offensive of the Franco-American  
troops.

The French and American counter  
attack, which was started without the  
usual preliminary artillery bombard-  
ment, took the Germans completely by  
surprise and is regarded as one of  
the most brilliant pieces of work in  
the war. Striking over a 30-mile front  
from Fontenoy, just north of the  
Aisne, to the sector of Chateau-Thierry  
the Americans and French were able  
to advance their lines to a depth of  
10 miles in some places before the Ger-  
mans recovered from their surprise  
and offered effective resistance. So  
fast did the advance progress that the  
allied troops were soon astride several  
of the important roads of supply for  
the German armies, particularly the  
line running from Soissons to Chateau  
Thierry. The number of prisoners  
taken is reported to be very large and  
a great number of guns and a large  
quantity of war material fell into the  
hands of the allies.

Over the entire 60-mile front run-  
ning from Soissons to Rheims the al-  
lied troops are fighting with a deter-  
mination that brooks no denial. Prac-  
tically all the gains of the German  
drive south of the Marne have been  
blotted out.

Chateau Thierry, which represents  
the point in the battle line where the  
Germans had driven their wedge near-  
est to Paris, has been recaptured by  
the French.

The entire southern bank of the  
Marne having been cleared of enemy  
forces, French, British and Italian  
troops are now harassing those south-  
west of Rheims and the latter have  
been forced to retreat.

—BUY W.S.S.—

## HOODLUMS ENTER NYSSA'S SCHOOL—DAMAGE PROPERTY

According to reports received here  
the Nyssa school building was enter-  
ed recently by some hoodlums who  
deliberately damaged the property in  
an amount estimated to be \$1000.  
Whoever they were the work was  
malicious. They let the water run  
until the school piano was ruined  
and the ceiling and walls damaged.

## ROUSING FAREWELL IS GIVEN ARMY RECRUITS

NEARLY ONE HUNDRED MAL-  
HEUR AND HARNEY COUNTY  
MEN BOARD TRAIN FOR  
CAMP LEWIS WEDNESDAY.

## 1918 MEN EXAMINED TUESDAY

Banquet Followed by Theatre Party  
Shows Selected Service Men That  
Ontario Appreciates Their Service.

Nearly 100 Malheur and Harney  
county boys boarded the train here  
Wednesday evening enroute to Camp  
Lewis, at American Lake, Washing-  
ton.

Prior to their departure they were  
given a rousing farewell. The local  
committee had arranged a big time  
for them and the program was car-  
ried out completely. On the evening  
before a dance was given at the Ford  
Garage for the local boys who were  
to go to Vale the next day to be in-  
ducted into the National Army. Owing  
to the late arrangements for this  
event only a small number of the  
boys were present.

On Wednesday under the direction  
of the committee headed by Col. S. F.  
Taylor, Dr. H. H. Whitney, W. H.  
Laxon and others who collected the  
funds, and served by the girls of the  
Honor Guard a banquet was tendered  
the boys at the Silver Grill. A com-  
mittee headed by Hugh Allen ar-  
ranged for the musical numbers  
which included vocal solos by Miss  
Rena Adam and piano solos by Mrs.  
H. McK. Browne.

W. E. Lees presided at the banquet  
and after a few remarks introduced  
Rev. Herbert Livingston, who deliv-  
ered a short address to the boys.

Following the banquet the boys  
were the guests of Ontario at the  
performance of "Over the Top" at  
Dreamland. It was a fitting climax  
for the celebration. That the crowd  
enjoyed the performance was beyond  
dispute, the applause was deafening  
at times and not a small part of it  
in the least was that given the O-  
regon Club's Wienie Trio, which was  
bidding farewell to one of its mem-  
bers, A. F. Riddle, who was one of  
the men in the Malheur County  
quota. The trio responded to many  
encores and only the necessity of  
completing the picture ended their  
performance.

—BUY W.S.S.—

## HISTORICAL PICTURE DISPLAY AT TOGGERY

A number of historical pictures  
are being shown in the windows of  
Toggery Bill's store. They are du-  
plications of pictures which are now  
hanging on the walls of practically  
every recreation center of the Y. M.  
C. A. or Knights of Columbus where  
ever any of our boys are located in  
camps or cantonments.

The pictures are small reprodu-  
ctions in color of originals which  
were painted for Hart Schaffner &  
Marx, and a new issue of them has  
been printed by that company dis-  
tributed as a contribution to make more  
attractive the cantons and recrea-  
tion centers for our boys.

The picture shows Francis Scott  
Key as a prisoner on board ship when  
he wrote "The Star Spangled Ben-  
ner," troops passing St. Gaudens's  
statue of Lincoln before them offer-  
ing the first American flag to the  
present form. Few know to see, the  
pictures are of any real interest at a  
time like this and Toggery Bill is to  
be congratulated for showing them.

—BUY W.S.S.—

## CELEBRATE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING

Grand Mrs. Geo. W. Lyells were  
married in Baker just 38 years ago to-  
day and are celebrating the event.  
According to Mr. Lyells things are  
different now than when he crossed  
the plains hereof. None of the  
Lyells boys will be present to help  
their parents celebrate the anniver-  
sary for one is in France and another  
is with Uncle Sam's spruce cutters.

—BUY W.S.S.—